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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, [REDACTED]

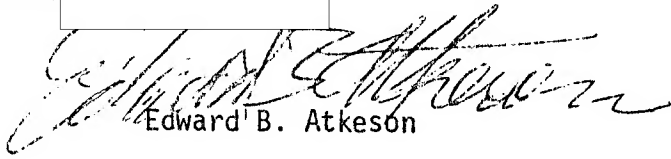
FROM : Major General Edward B. Atkeson, USA  
National Intelligence Officer for General Purpose Forces

SUBJECT : Intelligence Support [REDACTED]

1. I want to express my appreciation for the support your office provided to the recent Special National Intelligence Estimate: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The survey of the arms industry [REDACTED] was both timely and comprehensive. This enabled us to better distinguish between demand for arms attributable to the recent conflicts and that reflecting earlier arms transfer patterns. The information developed by the survey also gave us a more detailed understanding of the key factors which affect demand and provided insight into those sectors of the arms industry most likely to undergo change in the next several years. In large measure, the arms industry survey enabled us to treat a complex subject of global scope in useful detail. [REDACTED]

2. The ability [REDACTED] to call upon a wide range of informed opinion in response to national intelligence estimate requirements is invaluable. I look forward to continuing cooperation [REDACTED]

  
Edward B. Atkeson

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